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BECAUSE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY, NO BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK

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PUBLISHER OF "ROME DAILY AMERICAN" THANKS CLUB  
FOR SUCCESSFUL PRESSURE TO LIFT POLICE SHUT-DOWN

Member Jack Begon Cites OPC Action  
As Having Had "Definite Effect"  
In Permitting Re-Opening

That action by the Overseas Press Club was largely responsible for resumption of publication by the Rome Daily American was acknowledged this week in a letter received by BRUNO SHAW, Chairman of the Freedom of Press and Information Committee, from JACK L. BEGON, Daily American publisher. Following protests to the U.S. and Italian Governments regarding the 47-day suspension of the American-owned newspaper, publication was resumed on June 9 -- less than a week after the Club's memoranda were filed.

The Daily American was closed down by Rome police April 23 on the grounds that the noise of its presses disturbed inhabitants of neighboring apartments. The charge was denied by BEGON and the Club, which cited the operation of many other printing plants in Rome's urban areas.

"Many thanks to you and to the entire membership of the Overseas Press Club," BEGON wrote SHAW, "for the splendid way in which you came to our support...There is no question in my mind that the OPC action had a very definite and favorable effect (on final permission to resume publication)."

BEGON also stated that he was in conference with U.S. Ambassador James C. Dunn when a telephone call came from the office of Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi inquiring about the Overseas Press Club, from which he had just received a cabled protest. BEGON was able to provide the Ambassador with information about the OPC which he relayed to the Italian statesman.

While the Daily American has resumed publication, BEGON said that some restrictions regarding publishing times still remain to be ironed out. However, he believes further negotiations will result in complete settlement of the problem. "The entire staff of the Rome Daily American," he concluded, "sincerely appreciates your action."

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**MEMBERS ON THE MARCH:** Off July 3 via Pan-American for a broadcasting trip through Europe for his weekly General Motors show over ABC is HENRY J. TAYLOR (program is now in its sixth year -- 441 broadcasts without missing a show, summer or winter!). Plans to broadcast at once from abroad, and visit England, France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, contacting many OPCers en route...NBC's "dean of radio commentators", H. V. KALTENBORN, now reported in Indonesia with his wife. Next stop: the Philippines....A. WILFRED MAY postcards "hello" from Madrid. Note to Past President W. W. CHAPLIN: "Sam Pope Brewer sends special regards"....Former CBS correspondent LEO HOCHSTETTER, in this country to prepare for Congressional hearings on ECA, returns this week to his post in Saigon, Indo-China. Another OPCer, JOHN DONOVAN, ex-NBC Middle Eastern correspondent, is with ECA in Saigon as HOCHSTETTER's sidekick.....

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**SHIFTS AND SLOTS:** Newly appointed N.Y. correspondent for London's Daily Herald is LEONARD COULTER, U.S. editor of the Odhams Press Group of mags and newspapers in Britain. COULTER, incidentally, was featured on the June 22 Tex and Jinx show following his coverage of the teen-age drug addiction hearings....JAMES SCHEUER is new assistant counsel for the Office of Price Stabilization's meat division in Washington. He's sublet Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.'s house on Lowell Street, NW....

NBC's London director, ROMNEY WHEELER, bulletins that JULIAN GARRETT, formerly with the Civil Information & Education Section at SCAP Headquarters in Tokyo, is now U.S. vice-consul at Dacca in East Pakistan. "JULIAN passed through London recently en route to Dacca", he writes, "where he will be in charge of the U.S. information program. As roads are poor and lakes and canals the best means of travel, the Government is planning to buy a shallow-draft boat to be fitted out as a floating informat on center. JULIAN and wife, Ruby Neil, will use the boat to reach their Pakistan 'constituents' with books, magazines, motion pictures, etc."...

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**OUR-PROLIFIC-COLLEAGUES DEPARTMENT:** The current issue of United Nations World carries GEORGE HERALD's piece about the Spanish Army...Talk about timing! This week's New York Times Magazine published GERTRUDE SAMUELS' penetrating profile on Yakov Malik the day after his sensational peace offer was announced....New York's Staatszeitung recently featured GERTY AGOSTON's article on Belgian playwright Michel de Ghelderode, as well as a piece about Thomas Mann's new novel....MARY HEATON VORSE has an article in the July Harper's....

From Buenos Aires, KATHRYN CRAVENS cables that her chartered plane trip into the Matto Grosso jungle produced doubts that the famed Colonel Fawcett mystery is really solved, despite examination of his alleged bones. She has also interviewed the highest Government officials in Brazil, including former Foreign Minister Oswaldo Arahna, on the tour that has taken her to Trinidad, Uruguay and Paraguay. After July 10, she is off to Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela and Cuba, returning to New York September 1....

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## : CLUB CALENDAR :

Admissions Committee Meeting . . . . . Clubrooms . . . . . Thursday, July 5, 6:15 PM

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## \*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. Just back from a round-the-world trip, veteran Member EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER, author and columnist, will bring to an Overseas Press Club afternoon reception his observations and comments on news picked up during his tour. MOWRER's last appearance before the Club, on October 11, 1950, was one of the most enthusiastically attended meetings of the season.

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## : NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

### ACTIVE:

Henry George Wandesford Woodhead. China, 1902 to 1911, as editor Far Eastern Trader, North China Daily News; 1914-1930, editor, Peking & Tientsin Times; 1933-1941, editor, Oriental Affairs; 1911-1936, correspondent, London Morning Post; 1914-1930, correspondent for the Associated Press in Tientsin; 1914-1930, correspondent for Reuter's in Tientsin; 1930-1948, Sydney Morning Herald; 1946-1948, correspondent for the Times of London, Hong Kong; and many other short-term assignments. Proposed by N. F. ALLMAN; seconded by WILLIAM P. GRAY.

Norbert Muhlen, foreign correspondent, The New Leader. Europe, from June 1, 1949 to present, for The New Leader. Proposed by HAL LEHRMAN; seconded by EUGENE LYONS.

### ARMED FORCES:

Captain Richard L. Henschel, Signal Corps, U.S. Army. Army officer engaged in making still pictures and newsreels for public relations dissemination. Army photographer for PR, 1943-1945, in Australia, Philippine Islands, Japan; Manila, 1945, columnist for Daily Pacifican; Manila and Tokyo, 1945, stringer for Newark Sunday Call; Southwest Pacific Area, 1943-1945, accredited U.S. Army writer-photographer. Proposed by CARL BAKAL; seconded by CLARK LEE.

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A cocktail party for Rand at the apartment of A.W.JESSUP, McGraw-Hill World News, brought out a full representation of the press corps in the Tokyo area....Joining the growing list of veteran Korean correspondents heading Stateside is NBC's IRVING R. LEVINE, who still holds the enviable record for length of uninterrupted stay in Korea -- 16 weeks from August to December without a rest in Tokyo. That was while staffing for INS....Col. James Quirk, who did a bang-up

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job as press advisor to General Ridgway, departed for the U.S. June 22 to resume his regular job as promotion manager for the Philadelphia Inquirer. Day before departure he was feted by the Tokyo Correspondents Club with a luncheon at which bureau chiefs and others lauded Quirk for his work here....

June 29 was the date of the "biggest" party ever planned by members of the newly-air-conditioned Tokyo Correspondents Club, which was the scene of a dinner of Boston baked beans and brown bread, aided and abetted by floor show, dance and fireworks. GENE ZENIER of Warner Pathe News and his brother, Julius, of NBC-TV, were on the entertainment committee. Whenever spaghetti is the special dish on the Club's Italian nights, you can usually find the ZENIERS in the kitchen supervising the cooking. Brig. Gen. William Nuckols, Far East Air Forces PIO, set up a special plane to fly war correspondents in from Korea for the party and return them to the front the following day...

Since Bob Eunson has taken over as AP bureau chief, their office has been given a face-lifting, including a shift of space to a more advantageous location....Credit Bill Williams, AP communications expert, with part of the success of the office-space shift...And the PR staff of the British Commonwealth Forces also benefited by the switch....Add new arrivals: Florence Richards, accredited here for Fairchild Publications, including Women's Wear Daily... Your correspondent just returned to Tokyo after two weeks leave in Kyoto and at a spot near Mt. Fuji. -- (JACOBUS TenBERGE, assisted by HAZEL SHORE).

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, HEDA MASSING  
EXPOSE COMMUNIST SPY TECHNIQUES  
BEFORE COCKTAIL PARTY AUDIENCE

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Two former spies for the Reds -- one an agent of the U.S. Communist Party, the other a Comintern operative -- last week held more than 75 OPC Members and guests on the edges of their seats while they related their experiences as espionage agents

for the Soviet. Both commended recent Justice Department action against the Communist Party's "second team", as well as the previous upholding of the conviction of "the eleven" Red leaders. While Miss Massing pressed for continued investigation of suspected Communist big-wigs, Miss Bentley warned against hysterical "witch hunts" which might prejudice the activities of regular Government officials.

Presiding at the meeting was Past President EUGENE LYONS, who later introduced Matt Cvetic, the FBI representative who spent nine years as a CP member and official and whose experience formed the basis for the motion picture, "I Was a Communist for the FBI". Another interested onlooker was Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER. Other guests included the N. F. ALLMANS, the LARRY BLOCHMANS, the MATTHEW HUTTNERs...Mr. and Mrs. NORBERT LYONS...Veteran Member EDWARD L. BERNAYS, the dean of public relations, on an infrequent but welcome visit....

GUEST BOOK: Chatting were B. MATHIEU, J. P. McEVOY, and ELSIE McCORMICK...FRED ROSEN, WILL OURSLER, the DAVID D. ZINGGS, and Mr. and Mrs. EARL CHAPIN MAY, plus newly-weds -- Mr. and Mrs. KEYES BEECH....Also ANDY LOGAN, MADELINE ROSS, CROSWELL BOWEN, CARL BAKAL, BETTY WASON, the VANDIVERTS, the New York Post's WAMBLY BALD, MIRIAM STEWART and JEWEL DE BONILLA.

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